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1. AccuRay - Tobacco weights

Results of the 3-month industrial test were presented during the last annual PME Q.A. Meeting which took place in Berlin.

These results should still be presented to PME management before a final decision may be taken.

The critical point is :

To determine a certain percentage of the specified tobacco weight to be able to fix the reject point.

Concerning the standardization of tobacco weights, no problems were encountered with the Merit brand. Each production center worked with the same specified tobacco weight and realized a maximum saving of tobacco. The situation was different with MLF where, in Weltab, we had to reduce the maximum saving of tobacco from 2,5 to 1,5% due to loose ends. Münich worked for the 3 months with 2,5% but they found too many loose ends especially with Mark 8.

In conclusion, the objective of the trial was partly achieved because everybody could work with the same specified tobacco weight by varying the percentage of saving.

Like the AccuRay limit mentionned above, this standardization will be submitted to PME management so as to take a final decision.

2. Non-tobacco material (reference 1)

A PME trial was organised in different production centers to determine some standard values concerning the quantity of glue applied on the tipping paper. The study has been concluded and a proposition has been sent to each production center for approval.

15. Quality Workshop (reference 2)

The first report has been sent to PME management. It covers the period January to March 1981.

Based on figures found in "PME Finished Products" it shows :

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- The general tendancy of quality in each production center
- The most important defects encountered
- The different trials which are being carried out to improve our product quality.

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REFERENCES : 1. Quantity of glue on the tipping paper Bel-T. memo to Q.C. managers (May 1981)

2. Quality Workshop, Monthly report supplement (May 1981).

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